

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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Claims 1-32 (Cancelled)

Claim 33 (Previously Presented) A film printable with UV curable inks, said film comprising a substrate and at least a surface layer, said layer covering at least one face of said substrate and consisting essentially of 10 to 98% by weight of a water-dispersible polymer that provides a smooth film surface for printing and 2 to 90% by weight of an ethylenically unsaturated compound that plasticizes said layer, said ethylenically unsaturated compound selected from polyfunctional acrylates resulting from the esterification of a polyol with (meth)acrylic acid or polyallyl derivatives, whereby said surface layer does not contain an addition polymerization photoinitiator and said ethylenically unsaturated compound does not react with said water-dispersible polymer when said layer is irradiated with UV radiation.

Claim 34 (Currently Amended) The printable film according to claim 33, wherein said water dispersible polymer forms a matrix and said ethylenically unsaturated compound is included in said matrix and is present in an amount from 2% to 15% by weight of the polymer.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented) The printable film according to claim 33, wherein the substrate is selected from the group consisting of polymer films, polyolefin films, papers, synthetic papers, woven fabrics, nonwoven fabrics, ceramic sheets, metallic fiber sheets, metallized sheets (film), metallic foils, metallic plates, and multilayer composite sheets formed by combination of said materials.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented) The printable film according to claim 35, wherein the substrate is an oriented polypropylene film.

Claim 37 (Previously Presented) The printable film according to claim 33, wherein the water-dispersible polymer consists essentially of a homopolymer of (meth)acrylic acid or alkyl (meth)acrylate, the alkyl radical having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, or a copolymer of two or more of said monomers or optionally of other vinylic or allylic compounds.

Claim 38 (Previously Presented) The printable film according to claim 33, wherein the water dispersible polymer is a urethane or urethane acrylate polymer.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented) The printable film according to claim 33, wherein said surface layer further comprises a cross-linking agent in an amount of from 1 to 5% by weight of the water dispersible polymer.

Claim 40 (Previously Presented) The printable film according to claim 33, further comprising, between said substrate and said surface layer(s), a primer layer.

Claim 41 (Previously Presented) The printable film according to claim 33, wherein only one face is coated with a surface layer and wherein the reverse face of the substrate is covered with a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer.